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MAJOR DI PINEDO.
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Major Di Pinedo has arrived here
Rangoon, Nov. 4.
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from the Philippines. He is
a member of the Royal Engineers
and has been serving in
the Philippines.

16-DAY'S DODGE.
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THRILLING ESCAPE.

AMERICAN PRIESTS' NIGHT SWIM.
IN BANDIT HANDS.

An escape at dead of night from a bandit stronghold, a swim in darkness from the sea front to a ship observed a long way from the shore, unknown as to nationality or friendly intentions, the eventual making of it and discovering it to be a vessel just arrived for the purpose of rendering them assistance—one might well call it as happening only in realms of fiction.

They were, however, the experience of two American priests of the Maryknoll Foreign Mission who as a result of an attempt to intercede with bandits who were terrorising and plundering the natives in the vicinity of their mission (St. John's Island) were captured by those bandits, and held as hostages, pending the payment by the natives of a large sum of money to the bandits the impossibility of which to raise it was part of the missionaries self-imposed task to convey.

Further particulars of their adventures will be available when the rescued men arrive at Hongkong this evening by the U.S.S. "Sacramento". The ship which rescued them was the "Yue Ying" despatched to the scene on instructions from the Chinese Admiral in the port of Hongkong to render assistance.

The high handed action of the bandits involving the safety of American nationals was the subject of communication between Macao, where it was first reported, and Headquarters in Hongkong, also between the American Consul-General at Hongkong, the British Admiral and the Chinese Admiral who were in port at the time. The use of H.M.S. "Petersfield" was offered by the former to convey, if thought necessary, representatives of the U.S. Consulate or of the Maryknoll Mission, whilst Admiral Li, of the Chinese fleet, sent a wireless message to the Chinese gunboat "Yuen-ying" at Macao to proceed to St. John's Island without delay and render whatever assistance was necessary.

In the meantime the U.S. naval authorities decided that the U.S.S. "Sacramento" should proceed to the spot from Swatow via Hongkong to pick up here U.S. Consular representatives at Canton and a Protestant missionary (Mr. Lake) familiar with the district in question who had offered his services. This party was to proceed to Hongkong by the U.S.S. "Heima" and transfer to the "Sacramento". This they were about to do yesterday when a further wireless message reached Hongkong from the Chinese warship "Yue-ying" that the two missionaries had escaped on Tuesday night and had made the ship.

The U.S.S. "Sacramento" left at once for the spot and is expected back this evening with the two missionaries who, it is thought, are little the worse for their experience.

WELSH DAM BURSTS.

16 DEAD AND 20 STILL MISSING.

WAIST-DEEP RESCUE WORK.

(Reuter's Service)

London, Nov. 4.
It is officially reported that sixteen fatalities occurred in a Welsh dam disaster in which a village was overwhelmed and a Power Station flooded, plunging North Wales into darkness.

Twenty persons are still missing. Seven bodies were recovered by men working waist deep in water searching for the dead.

Quarrymen blowing up huge rocks brought down the flood.

The carcasses of thousands of cattle are being recovered.

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COOLIE SHOT.

CENTRAL POLICE STATION ACCIDENT.

YESTERDAY'S EXCITING SCENE.

The charge room at the Central Police Station was the scene of a little excitement yesterday when a coolie was accidentally shot by a fellow worker.

It is usual for the revolvers issued to police officers to be cleaned by coolies employed by the armourer. Yesterday two men were engaged at work when one of them received a bullet in the right thigh from a weapon in the possession of the other. The man had apparently neglected to take the precaution of emptying the chamber before proceeding with the work of cleaning and accidentally pulled the trigger.

Police officers rushed to the scene and immediately had the injured coolie sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

PEAK TRAM SMASH.

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"THE FIRST TIME."

"IMPOSSIBLE, WITH NEW PLANT."

For the first time since the Peak Tram has been running, one of the cars commenced an upward instead of a downward run at the upper terminus at 8 o'clock this morning. A crash was heard by those in the new station, also shouts, and the few passengers in the car had a somewhat unpleasant experience although no one was hurt and no damage was done to the car.

The car, it was found, had been pulled upwards and as a result the bridge to the side entrance of the Peak was carried away. The car was brought to a standstill almost

SWATOW POSITION.

ENTRY OF RED TROOPS HELD UP?

STALEMATE IN SOUTH.

During the last 48 hours there has been little or no change in the military situation in Swatow, the Reds not having actually entered in numbers formally to "take over" the administration.

Such is the information available to the local Naval authorities. In Chinese business circles it was gathered that the presence of warships believed unfriendly to the Reds, in or near Swatow harbour, had held back the Canton hordes. A small detachment of anti-Reds is stated to be fighting a determined rearguard action, thereby slightly hampering the movement of the Reds, while the main Chan Kwing-ming army is retreating northwards to the provincial frontiers.

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ANNUAL BAZAAR OPENS ON SATURDAY.

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The Italian Convent will hold their annual bazaar on Saturday when the opening ceremony will be performed by Mrs. P. H. Holyoak, at 10 o'clock in the morning. The bazaar will be continued the following day commencing at the same time.

Last year there was a rush on the stalls by prospective buyers who were thick to see the excellence of the articles offered and the skillful workmanship displayed by the girls of the Convent whether in knitted goods, embroideries, cushions, or other articles. The assortment is larger on this occasion and includes many pleasing novelties specially appropriate as Christmas presents. The articles are all marked at reasonable prices and visitors are assured of genuine bargains.

The proceeds of the sale are in aid of the works and charities cared for by the Italian Convent, an object deserving of support from well-wishers of the institution.

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"MOREA"	10,911	18th Dec.	Marseilles and London
"KASIGAR"	9,006	26th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,088	9th Jan.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	13th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,087	4th Feb.	Porto, Pusan, Colbo & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KARWALA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles and London
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"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHIVA"	9,155	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"TALEMA"	10,000	26th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (3:15)

S. S.	TIME	FROM HONGKONG (ABOVE)	DESTINATION
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
"AFRAKA"	6,000	6th Jan.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	2nd Mar.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	do.
"AFRAKA"	6,000	7th Mar.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	10th Mar.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,958	7th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	14th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	18th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	24th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	30th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	11th Dec.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	18th Dec.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	25th Dec.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	1st Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	15th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	22nd Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	29th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	12th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	19th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	26th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	1st Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	15th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	22nd Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	29th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	5th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	12th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	19th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	26th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	1st May.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	8th May.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	15th May.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	22nd May.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"AFRAKA"	6,000	29th May.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	5th June.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama

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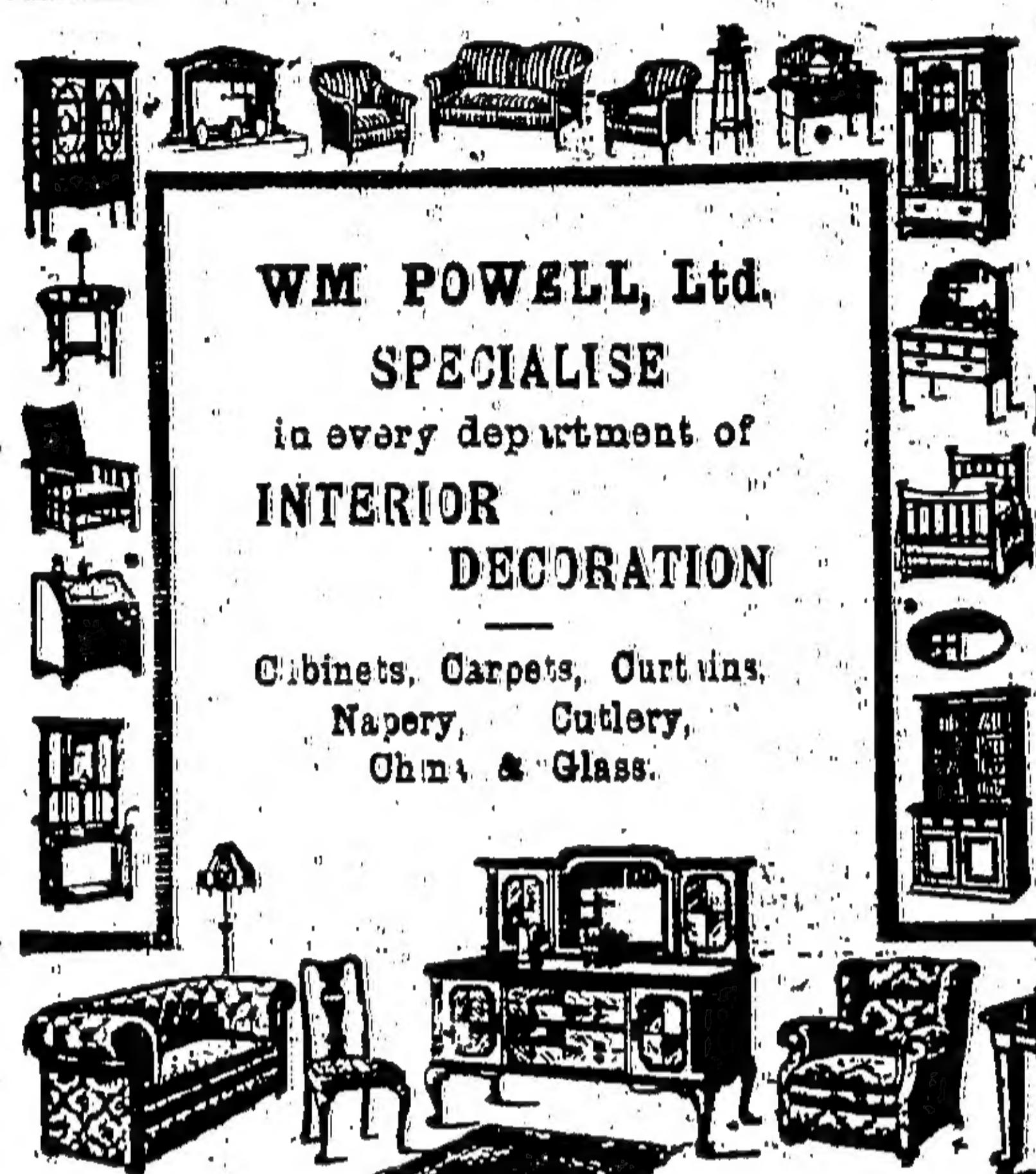
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MARRIAGE

GIFFORD-BENNETT.—At St. John's Cathedral this morning, by the Rev. Noel Evans, Kathleen Stanley, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. John Gifford, Cambridgeshire, England, to Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett, Grantham, England.

DEATH

BEATH.—On October 27, 1925, in England, Dr. Nina H. Beath, of the English Presbyterian Mission, Swatow.

Hongkong, Thursday, November 5, 1925.

**THE CINEMA AND
HONGKONG**

When almost everything under the sun has its armchair critics it is only natural that the cinema should have them too. These seemly and estimable people usually have either seldom seen or never been to a moving picture theatre, and they judge accordingly. Whether such judgment is in accord with reason must for ever be a matter of dispute. It is not likely that anyone will be qualified to judge the cinema in the direction of the theatre when British pictures have been shown. British pictures have been shown. Neither can we remember any great art being made by the educational authorities.

successful propaganda can only be built on the truth—then why has there been no steady urge for the purely British film. Local authority inclines to the opinion that the Criminal can learn much from certain stories depicted on screen, and censors act accordingly. We have a poor opinion of the Criminal intellect—or rather cunning—and more so, for the class that may spend money in an endeavour to glean ideas from "villains" on the screen. It has been said for the general run of pictures that in the end vice is shown as a particularly unprofitable pursuit, and that those who engage in it invariably come to a bad end—in the last reel. Here is a matter in which the Government and leaders of local opinion should exert some kind of influence. If the Government believes that its subjects are affected by what they see on the screen, then let it urge that in a British Colony they be affected by British films as far as is compatible with reason; freedom of trade and the interchange of ideas. We have had too much destructive criticism and not enough constructive. Our American friends, in some cases, may deserve abuse; but we prefer to think that they have put their characteristic energy into the matter. They have taken our great British romances and our more enduring literature, and in spite of the mechanical restrictions of the art of the moving picture, have given us glimpses of the past and the workings of men's minds to an extent that deserves well of the world—this in spite of the fact that in many cases there has been little, if any, pecuniary profit in the ventures. How many have been sent back to books, to fresh visions of the beautiful, it is impossible to say. The cinema has certainly done a great deal in this respect.

MIMIC BATTLE.

The campaign between Wessex and Mercia came to a rather summary conclusion in mail week. The original scheme was that the smaller Wessex army should engage in a defensive campaign in order to enable supports to join it from the north. Therefore, all it had to do was to avoid being pushed further west than the line of the Avon. It took the initiative by invading Mercia and then retired in excellent order. There was no need for it to fight a battle, but in order to make the manoeuvres more instructive it was ordered to engage, and when "cease fire" sounded the two antagonists were clinched. It is necessary to judge between the respective abilities in the field of Sir Alexander Godley and Sir Philip Chetwode, but, since the honour of war rested on the whole, with the Wessex army, the general lesson learned was the extreme value of mobility. Wessex was strong in cavalry and certainly the cavalry justified themselves. The mechanically transported infantry had nothing like their speed or elasticity.

Propaganda also enters into the matter. Patience is a virtue, but virtue in this connection becomes strained. The British have been lax, careless, indifferent, and others more apathetic have bought up the opportunity. People at home are crying out that the almost moribund cinema industry in England should have the breath of life breathed into its bones. Subsidise a coal industry—which is vital. Subsidise also the cinema industry which we claim is also vital. Coal-warm and so do the things generally speaking that pass before our eyes on the screen. This Colony has been abominably lax in the matter. English pictures imported at great expense by our local purveyors have we should say been miserably patronised by our nationals. We have heard of no never been to a moving picture theatre, and they judge accordingly. Whether such judgment is in accord with reason must for ever be a matter of dispute. It is not likely that anyone will be qualified to judge the cinema in the direction of the theatre when British pictures have been shown. British pictures have been shown. Neither can we remember any great art being made by the educational authorities.

He thought it safer to write to the girl's father asking for her hand.

He was an absent overseer who had been placed in charge of a large number of slaves. There had been a great deal of trouble with the slaves, who were good and bad, and he had to

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Copying "Old OLD MOORE." Moore's Shreds man ventures some predictions for 1926. January. The first of this month will be ushered in immediately December 31 has ceased to be. Nothing untoward is to be taken from this happening. A Legislative Councillor will split an initiative, and will hear about it from his wife.

February: Another Residents' Association will be formed but will be repressed by the Government. March: A bowler player writes suggesting the game should be called Lawn Bowls. A broker completes his June settlement. (To be continued.)

HUMAN ORIGINS.

The discoveries of recent years have roused a new interest in the problem of the origin of man and his development in the ages before history, says the "Daily Telegraph" (London). Those problems are still far from solution, but each additional piece of evidence gives us a larger and richer view of the process by which the human race has attained its present powers. Until the explorers and the men of science revealed to us the long vistas of the existence of man and the world we had no conception of how great a task it was for men to "rise from the brute," and how many misadventures, partial successes, failures, there were in that age-long struggle. It is probable that no single discovery in the domain of pre-history has ever made a greater appeal to the imagination of ordinary people than the skull which Mr. Thirlwall Petre found on the shores of the Lake of Galilee. The life, the deeds, and the words which are the matter and spirit of the Christian faith are thus displayed against a background of immemorial antiquity. We have to remember that 20,000 or 30,000 years before Christ came out of Nazareth to live and teach in Capernum, there dwelt in a cave in the limestone on that shore a race of men, low of brow, with massive ridges above the eyes, with protruding teeth, and receding chin, ape-like, brutish, yet by their powers of mind, human. Such is the picture which Sir Arthur Keith pronounces; for in his description of the skull to the British Association.

That its owner was of the race which we call Neanderthal man Sir Arthur has no doubt. This species was far more like the apes than any men who are now alive, but it had developed a brain which in quantity and probably in quality, was equal to that sufficient for some of mankind to-day. Sir W. Boyd Dawkins classified the Neanderthal race as "missing links" between man and the apes. It would seem more exact to describe them, since they have no modern representatives, as a race which took the wrong turn. The type of body and mind which they developed was not best fitted for survival, and so their family has died out. Many remains of these Neanderthal man have been found in Europe, and it is generally agreed that they were living in the last period of the Glacial age. They may have had a distinct type much earlier, they may have survived much later. But we can take it as established that the man who wore this skull by the Lake of Galilee lived not less than 20,000 years ago. Sir Arthur Keith remarked that in the light of this discovery, all the Biblical records become the happenings of recent days. For our imaginations have always placed the arrival of man in the East, in the land of the Tigris and Euphrates, which marked the beginning of history. That Abraham is not the ancestor of the human race is now established beyond question, and the date of his birth is now known to be about 20,000 years ago.

It is curious that, as we have to go to the East, to Mesopotamia and to Egypt, for our most ancient history, we must come back to Europe for the older records of prehistoric man. The Galilean skull can only be interpreted by the light of what has been discovered in the caves and in the gravels of Western Europe. Sir Arthur Keith pronounces that "the type of humanity and the kind of implements, fashioned by that humanity in stone and in bone discovered in the Galilean cave are similar to those which were made in the caves of France during the Magdalenian period." From this he draws the interesting and suggestive inference that in that remote age, as yesterday and to-day, Europe was sending out a dominant race which populated empty lands and imposed its way of life upon others. The balance of evidence, he considers, is in favour of Europe being the cradle-land of this Neanderthal race and its culture, and he permits himself the speculation that then, as in modern times, "Europe led the world in thought and deed." If it be so, if Europeans were the great colonising and civilising race when the earth was emerging from the last Glacial period, then, indeed, we may say that there is nothing new under the sun. If the archaeologists are to pronounce that Europe was the birthplace of mankind, then those forgotten Teutonic philologists who used to prove by the evidence of language that the first man must have lived on the Baltic plains will surely leap in their graves for joy. But as yet these are but guesses. We have no real evidence whence or how or why the earliest of our ancestors who can be called men actually lived. Sir Arthur Keith, however, has announced that control over materials and over fire which was to mark off them and their heirs from the brutes. Some have guessed or dreamed that it may have been changing conditions, the onset of an ice age, a vast convolution of the earth's crust, or perhaps a change in the atmosphere, which caused the animals to migrate to Europe. But in view of the continents and the oceans, it is difficult to say whether this was the cause or whether the cause was the effect. The

GAS USES.

MODERN COOKING AND HEATING AIDS.

NEW SHOW ROOMS OPEN.

Visitors who attended the informal opening yesterday of the new show rooms of the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., at 16a, Des Vaux Road Central, had explained to them the working and practical uses of numerous modern labour-saving devices although these are so simple in their operation that few instructions are needed.

The smooth top "cooker" has special advantages to offer, not the least being economy of consumption and the fact that one's dinner is sure of being perfectly cooked so long as adjustment is made by means of a pilot light and lever. Geysers, gas irons, gas grates, and other appliances for the burning of gas and the giving of service in the matter of hot water supply or cooking are there in infinite variety and among the first mentioned a special cascade geyser appeals by reason of its convenience and inexpensiveness.

A thorough inspection of the appliances in question may be made by visitors to the show room and demonstrators are there to make the task of understanding easy. Apart from the nature of the contents the management are to be congratulated on the lay out of the new show room.

OBITUARY.

MR. T. GIBBISON.

News of the death of Mr. T. Gibbison senior has reached Hongkong from Shanghai. The late Mr. Gibbison was well-known in local shipping circles, having been here with Messrs. Butterfield and Swaine and the Naval Yard. He had been an engineer engaged on the navigation of the West River, and for the period he was with the Naval Yard served in the steamer "Cherub." His last service was with the Sze Yap S.S. Co., and whilst at Kowloon in March of this year with the s.s. "Tai Lee," he had an attack of pneumonia which led him to relinquish his post. Deceased left for Shanghai a month ago to visit a married daughter and death took place there. A widow, two sons and daughter as well as a large circle of friends are left to mourn his loss.

DR. NINA H. BEATH.

The English Presbyterian mission field in the Far East has lost a much respected member in the person of Dr. Nina H. Beath, news of whose death at home has reached Hongkong via Swatow where her chief work is done. The late Dr. Beath had gone home for health reasons and whilst in Hongkong had been critically ill at the Matilda Hospital. News of her death was therefore not altogether, however, unexpected; it was received with very great regret by her many friends in Swatow and elsewhere. The testimony of the late Dr. Beath's friends is that she was a charming personality and in the mission field she was very much liked.

EDUCATION BOARD.

YESTERDAY'S CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS.

At the Board of Education meeting held yesterday afternoon the report of the Medical Officer of Schools (Dr. Minett) was submitted. It was decided to discuss the report confidentially, and this was done in committee.

Mr. G. N. Orme presided at the meeting. Others present were Dr. T. W. Pearce, Dr. Hickling, Mr. L. Forster, Mr. B. Wyke, Mr. E. F. Autcott, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, Rev. Father Vultorta, Dr. Wan Man-kai, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. E. Ralph (Inspector of English Schools) and Mr. A. R. Sutherland (Secretary).

Alexandria, November 4.—Two American destroyers which have been awaiting instructions were left hurriedly this morning for Beirut.—Reuters.

Look, (to a young married boy who has just refused her services) "What ain't me referent to?"

"Look, (to a girl) quite all right, but I'm afraid the dimensions of our 'dimensions' would hardly suit your 'dimensions'."

—*London Daily Mirror*.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

FRENCH AND DAMASCUS RISING.

MEASURES MOST MODERATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Nov. 4.
The official account of events at Damascus issued by the Foreign Office, based on a report by General Sarrail, says that two bands on October 18 entered the Chacour and Medan quarters and overwhelmed the police. Their numbers were swollen by would-be looters.

The French established a barrier round the European quarter.

The insurgents on October 19 resumed firing and attempted to invade other quarters.

The French command, anxious to avoid hand fighting with their more numerous adversaries, ordered a slow bombardment. A number of shells fell in the native quarters where the insurgents had concentrated.

The insurgents surrendered on October 20.

Measures to suppress the revolt were most moderate compared with the extent of the movement. No European civilian was killed or wounded.

The French losses were 10 killed and 30 wounded, including three Frenchmen killed and two wounded.

The rebels, who massacred 50 Armenians, had 200 killed.

Material damage was limited to the native area. No Arab buildings of architectural or historical interest were affected. The Azoum palace is intact, except the recently built wing.

A "GOLD RUSH."

HOW THE PICTURE WAS STAGED.

In the early stages of the production of Charlie Chaplin's film "The Gold Rush," the comedian was discussing the idea with Sid Grauman, California's spectacular impresario. "We're going to have a thousand 'sourdoughs' to fill up our camp and go over Chilcoot Pass," said Chaplin, explaining the big scene for his Alaskan comedy. "But how to get the men up here who will make that strenuous climb is the problem."

"I have an idea, and it will be a great publicity stunt," remarked Grauman. "Send out a story that gold has been discovered in them there mountains, and a real gold-rush will be on. Thousands of the old 'sourdoughs' will stampede up there, then you will get the genuine atmosphere."

"That's a great idea, but how are we going to put it over?" asked Charlie.

"Oh, we'll pull up a big tree and 'sell' the cavity left in mother earth," explained Grauman. "Then we'll spread a report that a great strike has been made; the news will travel like wildfire, and instead of a thousand men, you'll have a million up here. Besides, Charlie, think of the money you will be in pocket. Why the cost of bringing these men up here—the railroad alone—the money you will present to the Southern Pacific would be enough for some of these producers to make a super-special production of great magnitude."

"It's still a great idea, Sid, and worthy of your magnificent imagination," said Charlie, "but think of what will happen to us when that mob arrives here and finds nothing but snow twenty feet deep."

"I never thought of that," said Sid slyly: "I was thinking of being in San Francisco."

MADAME BUTTERFLY.

ITALIAN OPERA AT THE THEATRE.

The Japanese setting and story attracts the many to this fine opera which also makes a fine "legitimate" play. Puccini has composed music sweetly fitting to the "plot" and the whole has an immense appeal. Last night's crowded audience thoroughly enjoyed the fine singing and the fine acting and the poignancy of the concluding scene was most effective. Again principals, chorus and orchestra worked splendidly one and the result was a superb and perfect rendition.

Today's matinée will be given in the afternoon and tomorrow the company open at the Star Theatre. Knowledge of Japanese

SHANGHAI DANGER.

TSINGTAO WARSHIPS' THREAT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tsingtao, Nov. 3.
The Tsingtao warships and transports, having landed ammunition and supplies at Haichow, have returned from Haichow and are now crowding for what is stated to be an expedition to level the Woosung fort and gain a foothold in the Shanghai district. They may leave to-morrow.

Peking, Nov. 4.
Peace efforts by the Government continue. This morning's reports state that it is now decided to appoint a special pacification commissioner and to send him to Haichow and Peking with a view to arranging an armistice. In the meanwhile it is officially announced that Chang Tsung-chang has telegraphed reporting the occupation of Kuching on October 30, and stating that the fall of Tsingtao is imminent.

From foreign sources there are reports of Fongtien military activities in the north on a considerable scale. The Hsingking army is stated to have been mobilised and Kuan troops expect to move southward to-day.

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AVIATOR'S HOPE.

8,000 MILES IN TWENTY DAYS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Buenos Aires, Nov. 4.
Airman Hilcoat of the Argentine Army, has started flight to New York in which he hopes to complete 8,000 miles in 20 days.

He carries one passenger.

EXCHANGE.

SAMUEL MONTGOMERY.



Our prize swaner had just concluded the story of his school days, when he and Lord Mosho had fought, and he had thrashed his lordship severely for daring to accuse him of having sneaked the gem of his collection of stamps.

We were all deeply impressed until little Binks chimed in with the question: "And what did you do with the stamp?"

Samuel Montgomery is only twenty-eight years old, and boasts of the youngest member of the new Congress.

—*Samuel Montgomery*

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1903-9.

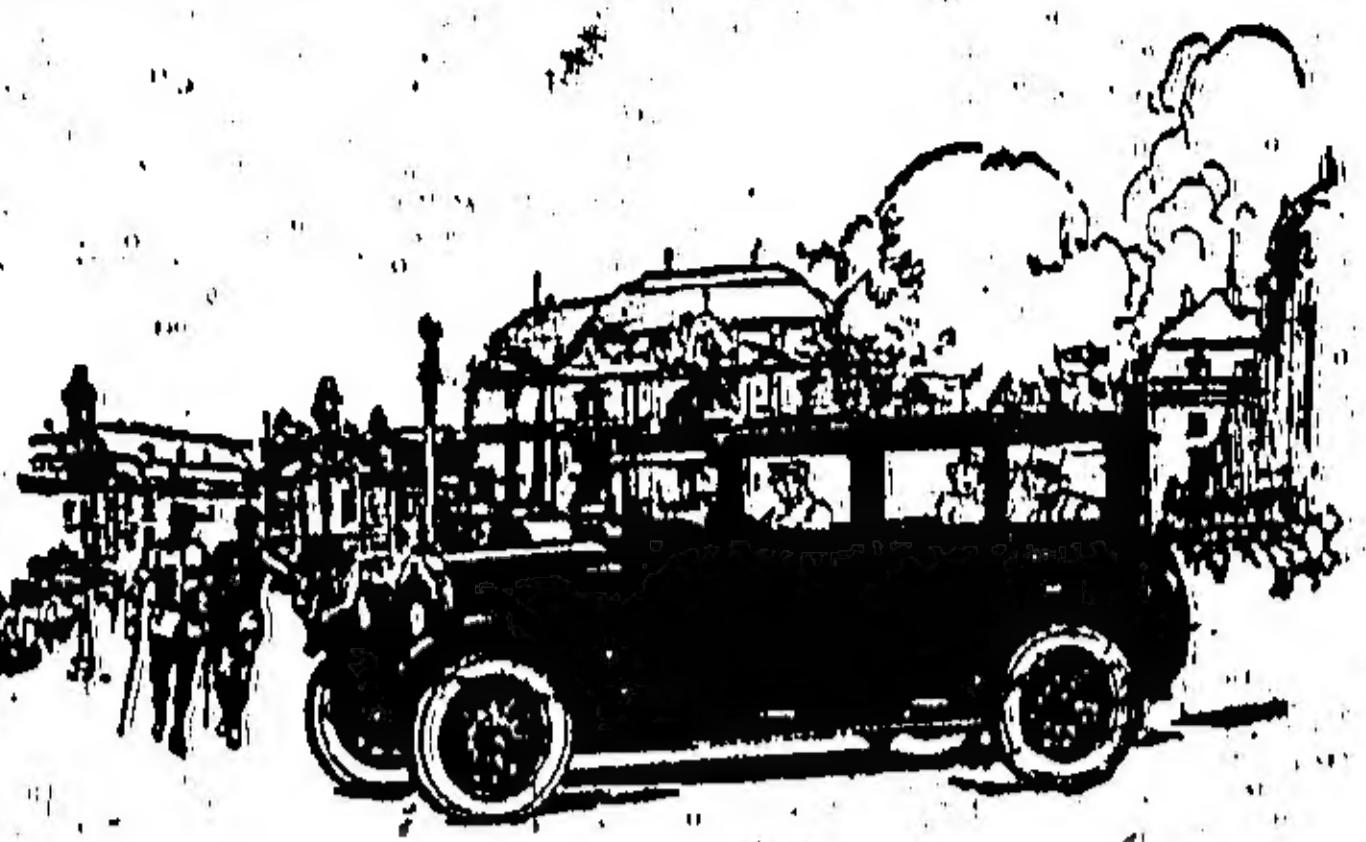
The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be a foot 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

November 4 to 10, 1925.

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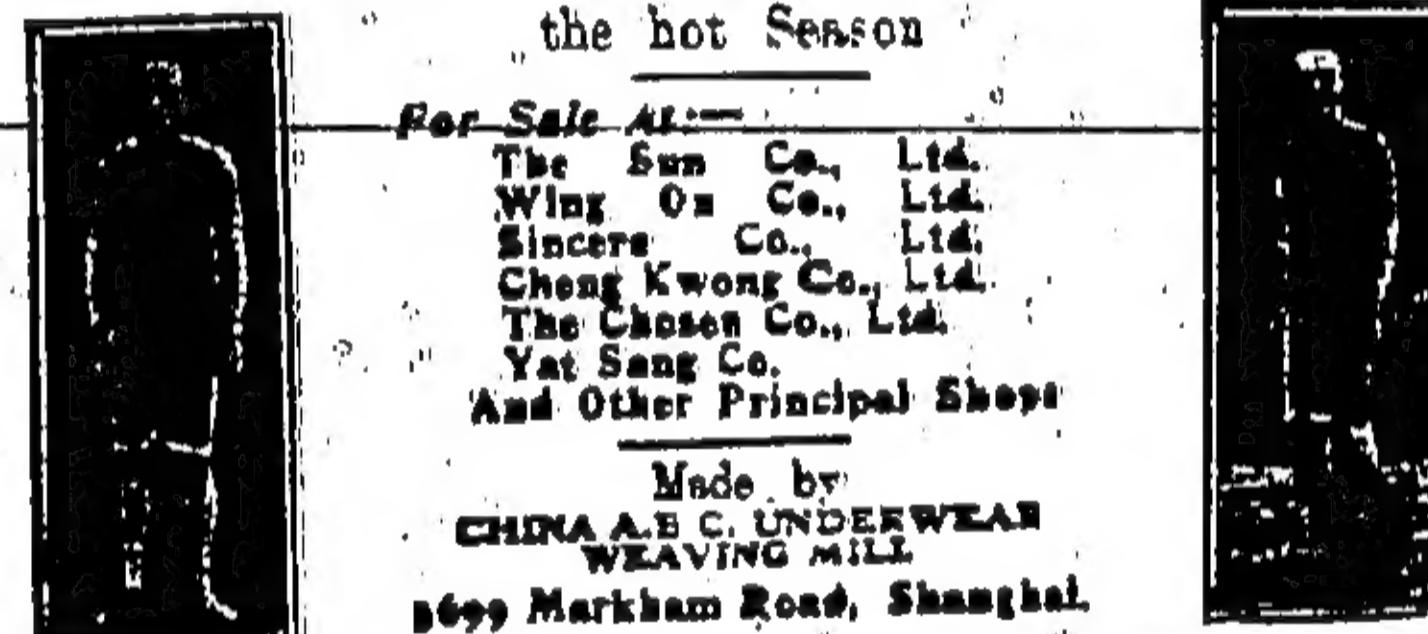
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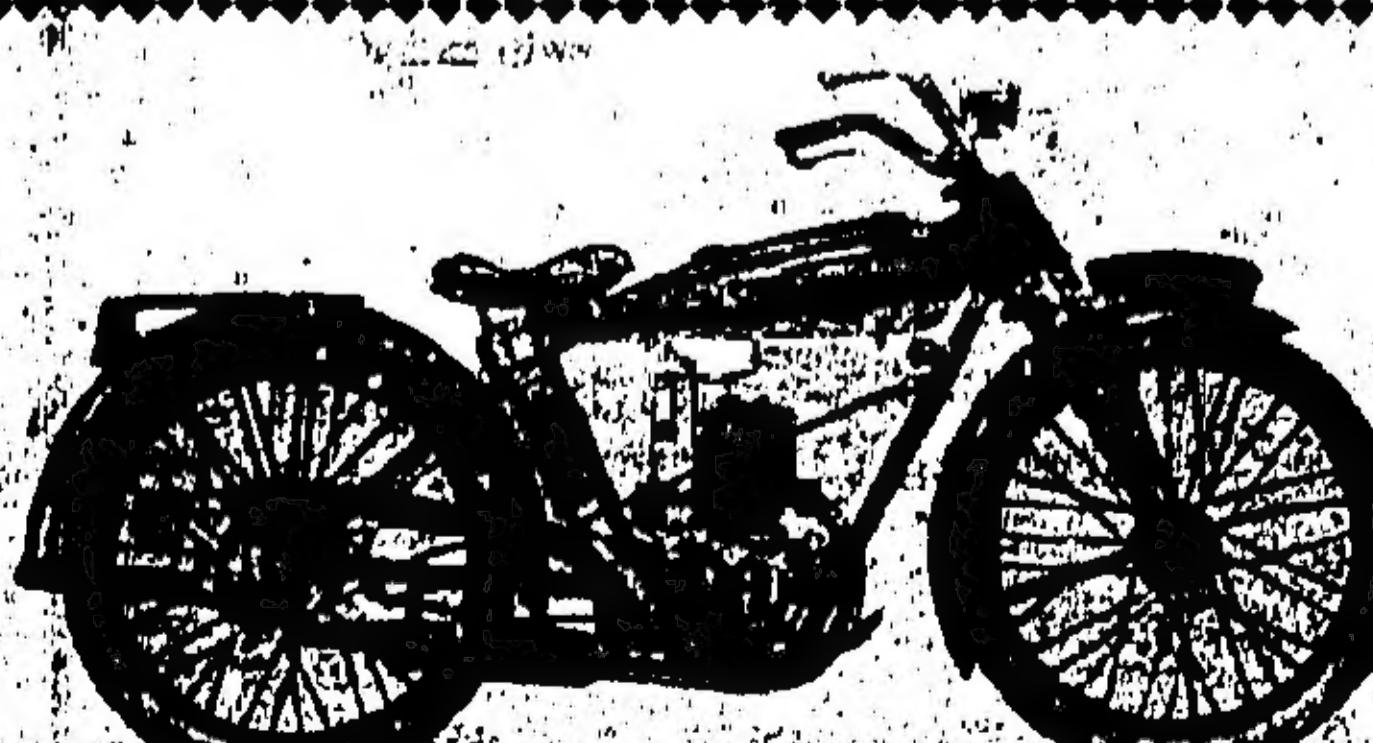


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Quarantine against steamers arriving from Shanghai has been withdrawn.

St. Stephen's Girls' College are having a sale of work, on Saturday at 3 p.m. in aid of the Ministering Children's League. The sale will be opened by Mrs. Duppuy.

The Committee of the Hongkong Benevolent Society intimates that it would be grateful for gifts of warm clothes for men, women and children for which there is a great demand. They may be sent to the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. S. B. B. McElroy sentenced Lau Tak-fung, an unemployed ship's cook, to six months' hard labour for possession of 40 forged one dollar Straits Settlements notes. Defendant was arrested as he tendered the notes in a deal at Sutherland Street.

The British Municipal Council on Sharmen has recently had installed on the southern side of the island ten lighting standards. Quite a little interest has been created locally by the fact that the Union Metal lamp standards bear the name plate "Canton, Ohio," thus forming a direct link between two cities of the same name in China and the United States.

The next examination for First Class and Special Certificates of Education will be held in March, 1926. Names of all W.O.s, N.C.O.s, and men desirous of preparing for one of these examinations, should reach Headquarters, by Tuesday, November 10. A class for the First Class Certificate will be held at the Command Educational Training Centre, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., commencing on Thursday, November 12, and a class for the Special Certificate will be held on Thursdays, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., commencing on the same date.

The November price list of the Tabacaria Filipina has now been issued.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Tuesday, shows one English case of paratyphoid fever.

The annual dinner of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association (1914-1918) is to be held Wednesday, (Armistice Day) at the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters at 9 p.m.

The latest sequel to a series of anonymous gifts to Brighton institutions is a brown-paper parcel containing £56 10s. in gold, which, wrapped in an old white cloth, has been received by a local newspaper. It is intended as a gift to the Shaftesbury Society and Ragged School Union, London, and the covering letter, written in woman's handwriting and unsigned, contains the following passage:—"Please to accept this towards the good for the children. God's blessing rest on your labours."

A half-finished picture by a famous artist has been held up by the death of the model who alone possessed what the painter considered to have the ideal features to represent Christ. For many years past Mr. Frank Brangwyn has been engaged on a picture in which the figure of the Saviour appears. His original inspiration was drawn from an Italian, whom he saw in the street selling ice cream. The model, however, died before the face in the picture had been completed, and Mr. Brangwyn has never since been able to find a satisfactory substitute. His difficulty is that he does not want anything in the nature of a kinema face, and although friends throughout Europe are constantly searching for the type he requires, they have not been able to discover it. Above all, Mr. Brangwyn misses the mystic suggestion of spirituality which alone was present in the eyes of the dead model.

In connection with "Civic Week" at Liverpool from October 5 to 10 liners were open to the public, and many industries allowed visitors to go over their works. Many exhibitions and ceremonies were also arranged.

Twelve Immingham boys built themselves a hut in plantation, assumed the characters of Robin Hood and his merry men, and held revels in the green wood. Unfortunately, they chopped down young trees to build their retreat, and were before the Bench for damaging the plantation. Twelve chastened young outlaws had each to pay 10s.

At last the true outwardness of the barber's pole is ascertained, from a veteran whose grandfather was apprenticed to a barber-surgeon and who was himself a hairdresser for 60 years. The mysterious blue spiral on the pole was added, he tells us, in memory of the battle of Waterloo. Like the children, we might ask, "Why?" but have hazarded our own guess that it completed the national colour scheme.

Oysters in England, it would seem from latest reports concerning their culture, are in for an era of intensive cultivation such as the world has never known before. For as a result of the observations made upon their growth, etc., it is hoped that a clue has been discovered to the hitherto baffling problem of the prevention of the enormous mortality among the young. An oyster normally produces a progeny of about 1,000,000 in number, but of this total heretofore only about two have survived. It has now been discovered that the critical time in the life of the minute oyster is after the spat falls, when it is apparently essential that the water in which the bivalve is living should be rich in food material. It is terrible to think, just the same, of the state of affairs which would eventuate if all the million in every instance grew to maturity. The Yellow Peril would be nothing in comparison!

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. D. A. Goodwin returned to the Colony yesterday from Manila by the "President Jefferson."

Mr. G. T. May of the A.P.C. was married at Home to Miss Esme Cornell. They have now returned to the Colony.

The "China Mail" regrets to learn that Miss V. Owen-Hughes is at present in hospital suffering from a strain, consequent upon her efforts in the Ladies' Harbour Race, which she won.

A successful fancy dress dance in aid of the Ministering Children's League (Police Branch) was held at Police Headquarters, Central Police Station, last night. Musical items, were given by the Lyric Orchestra.

Mr. I. W. Shewan, the runner-up in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Championship last year, failed, owing to a technicality, to lift the amateur championship of Japan, which was played for recently. Mr. Shewan returned the best card, but was disqualified owing to his having visited the Club house while in play.

One of the most curious things about Amundsen, the Polar explorer, who is now lecturing on his famous flights, is that he lives almost entirely on meat. When he was in New York and living at the Geographical Society's wonderful headquarters in that city, he astonished everyone by the prodigious quantities of meat he ate. He has a theory that his kind of food fits one to stand the rigours of the Arctic climate better than any other.

M. F. E. Ranger, formerly of the Hongkong Office of Messrs. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd., has the following in a well-known Home paper:

Sir—I have just come in from my garden, where I have been admiring the beauties of the white irises, which are just "out," and by a coincidence I pick up John o' London's June 27th number, where I read, page 126:—The irises are found growing in many parts of the world, but never south of the Equator.

"What do you know about that?"—as the Americans say. Yours etc.,
M. F. E. RANGER
Buenos Ayres.



It may have been a smile of relief that the American Ambassador to Berlin, Mr. George Gould Schuyler, when he alighted from the plane at Leipzig, saw his old friend from Berlin in a terrible storm, that the marshes of the craft, the passenger, had to have a look at the place.

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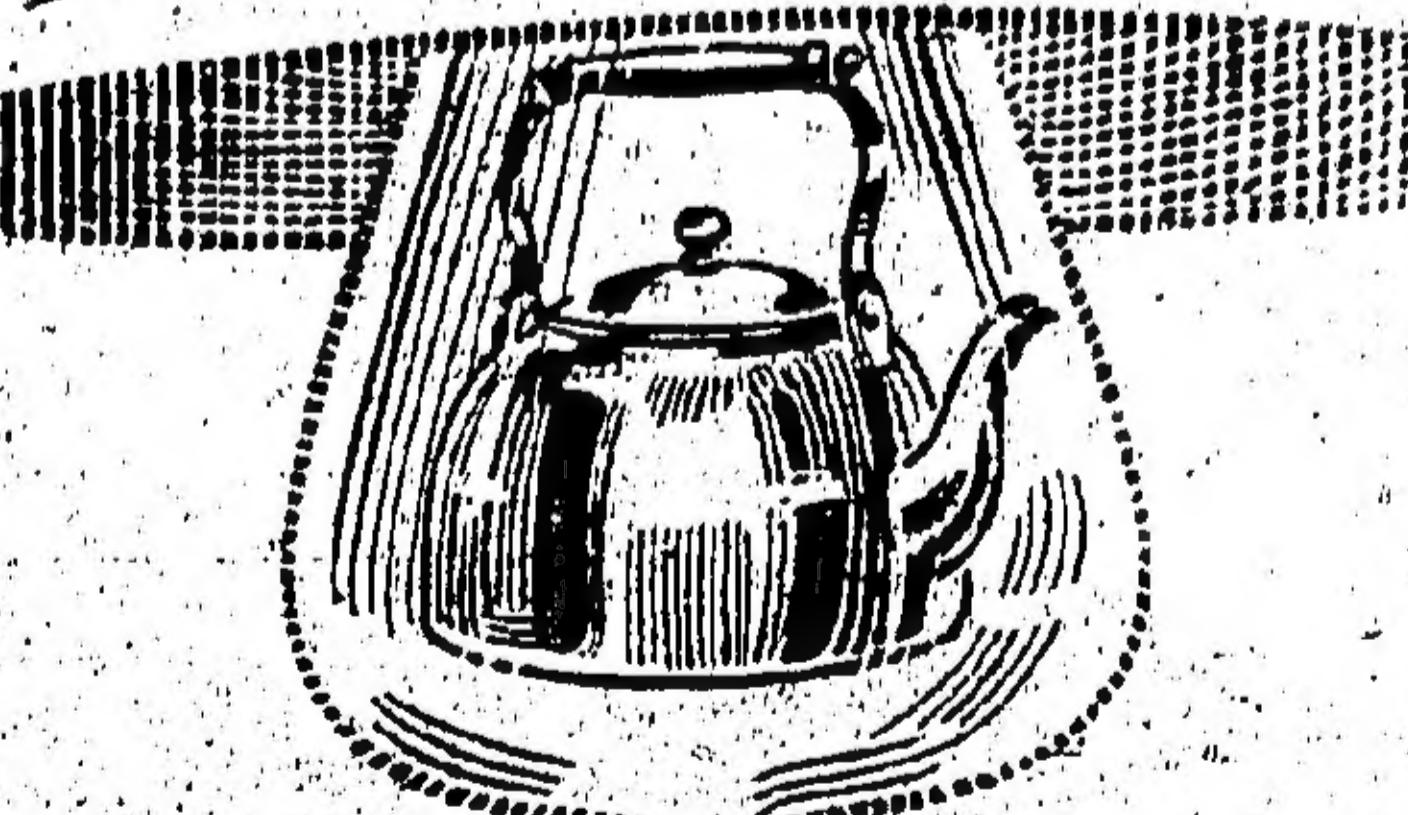
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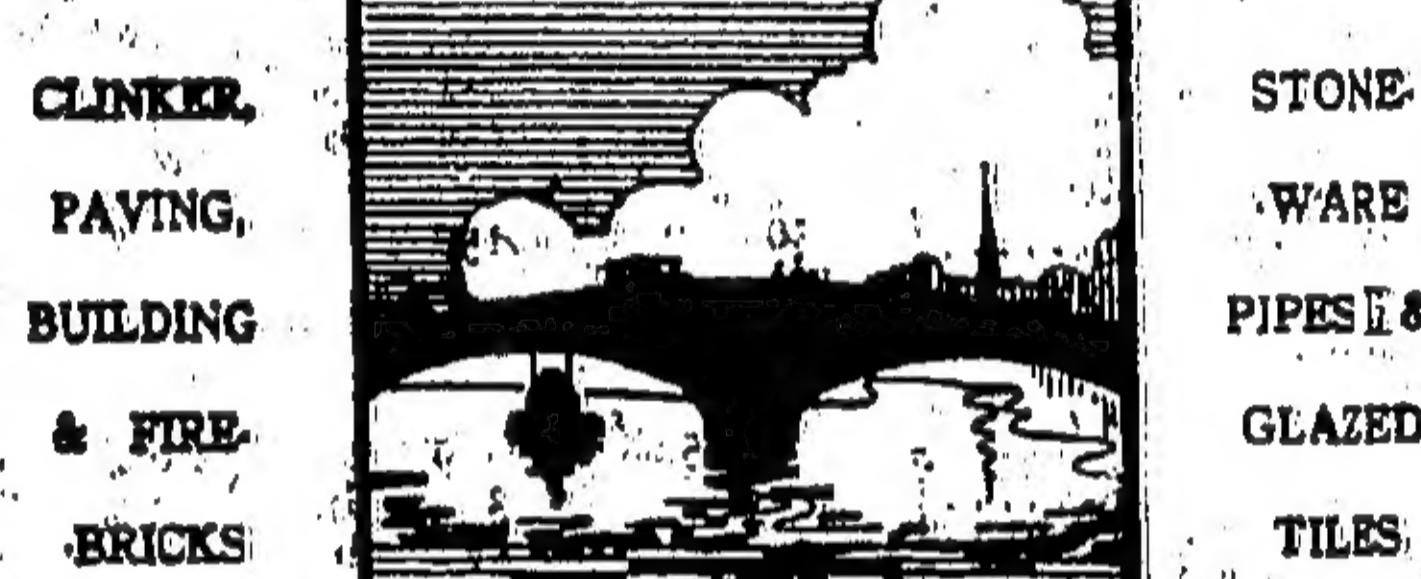
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In "The Coast of Folly" Gloria Swanson assumes the rôle of three generations—a young woman, the young woman's daughter, and an old woman.

Fossils Half a Billion Years Old.—A party from the Museum of Natural History and the Explorers Club which sought for end of the Endless Caverns, New Market, Virginia, is seen making a close inspection of the etched limestone surfaces of the caverns. Near here were found some rare specimens of extinct graptolite fossils, a little creature looking much like a tiny jigsaw blade and estimated by geologists to be 500,000,000 years old.



DRIS-ER-RIFF, famous Moorish chieftain, who until recently had remained idle in the campaign against the French forces, has joined the ranks of Abd-el-Krim.

Former Premier Theunis, of Belgium, and present head of the Bank of Belgium, who headed the Belgian Debt Board which conferred with American authorities on the settlement of the Belgian War debt.

M. Grabski, Polish Premier, in an exclusive study. When asked about the election of Hindenburg as President of Germany, he said it heralded the intensifying of Germany's efforts to secure a revision of her Eastern frontier settlement.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., snapped at Hot Springs, where the millionaire son of the oil magnate recently spent a short vacation.

Dr. Wm. H. Howell, physiologist, who has been appointed to the committee to look into any "health hazards" involved in the use of tetraethyl leaded gasoline.



Fred Stone, the well-known comedian, has at last realized a life-long ambition by acquiring a real Western ranch, which is called the Star Ranch. Photo shows Mr. Stone's two younger daughters, Carol and Paula, on horseback.

ARCTIC EXPLORER.
Commander Donald MacMillan, in charge of the latest polar expedition, standing in the doorway of the Peary.

Queen Victoria and Her Daughters.—A late photograph of Queen Victoria, of Spain and her two daughters, the Princess Beatrix (left) and Princess Christian (right), taken at Santander, Spain, where the Spanish royal family spent part of the summer.



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What We Owe to the Huguenots.

The Rev. Theodore P. Brockhurst, in an interesting article in the "Yorkshire Observer" on St. Bartholomew's Day, recalls that "the suicidal" policy of Louis Quatorze of France endowed our England with the energies of these Huguenot workmen, of which he stupidly deprived his own country. "Short-sighted" policy on his part, but these dispossessed Huguenots introduced fresh fabrics and more refined methods among us. The French names of baize and serge, crepe and bombazine, the velvets and the satins of the French weavers of Spitalfields and Bethnal Green, of Cromford and of Matlock, were everywhere renowned. Even hats passed from being a monopoly of France to be an English manufacture; in watch-making, glassblowing, the making of spinets or pianos, jewellery, ribbons, engravings, intaglio and gem carving, modelling in wax, sculpture, and so on, new processes were introduced, and certainly the paper-making industry owes much to French Huguenot hands—as witness the beautiful paper used for Bank-notes, which was invented and has ever since been exclusively made by one French family, the Portals.

A Jewish Household.

There were about twenty people present, and they all seemed to be very intimate. If a man found that he had something particular to say to another he carried his chair round to his friend and chatted in between him and the lady sitting next. The lady did not resent the behaviour nor stop shouting across the table to her intimate friend, indeed everybody shouted, talking one against the other. The women discussed household matters, the men business. They seemed incapable of taking an interest in each other's affairs or outlook on life: either it was domesticity for the women, or business for the men; no half-measures, no small talk or clever non-sequiturs—all serious discussion, while they ate enormously of a dish called "fiechi," a monstrous mixture of tripe, stewed with cabbage and served with slices of beef tongue, sprinkled with nutmeg.

monoscript meat, which had begun

with fiechi and ended with pieces of preserved orange peel, the women went in a body to a small room, whose chairs and sofas were piled with cushions. They were the pride of Elsa Hartz's heart. She had made them all herself, and she proudly pointed out to Zoe how costly was the satin and lace, the jewelled embroidery, the gold cord which trimmed them. One was sewn with real pearls, but all were soiled and most were hideous. Every woman cleared her chair or sofa corner of cushions before she sat down, carefully holding them on her lap. The value of the Harts' cushions was known and appreciated in Wots. Zoe, doing her best to balance two hard, gold-embroidered cushions on her knee, answered the catechism to which she was subjected by the women. They questioned so quickly that they never waited for the answers. Their curiosity was childlike in its eagerness—devoid of all intent of malice. —From "Zoe Middlemiss, Governess," by Barbara Kennedy.

The Inn.

The ceremony in Normandy, when the Guy de Maupassant monument was unveiled by M. de Monzie as "Mirmonse," recalls a story illustrating how, easily unconscious, literary plagiarism may be committed. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle once told a friend that, travelling in Switzerland, he chanced upon an inn isolated in the mountains for four months in every year. By the time he had reached the place below he had mapped out in his mind a story in which two enemies were to be shut up in the inn for four months of isolation (says a "Morning Post" writer.) At the first railway bookstall he came to, one of de Maupassant's books caught his eye. He bought it and, turning to the first page, "L'Auberge" appeared as the heading of the story. The Auberge was his identical inn; the story was of two enemies shut up there during the winter, and the denouement the same as he had imagined.

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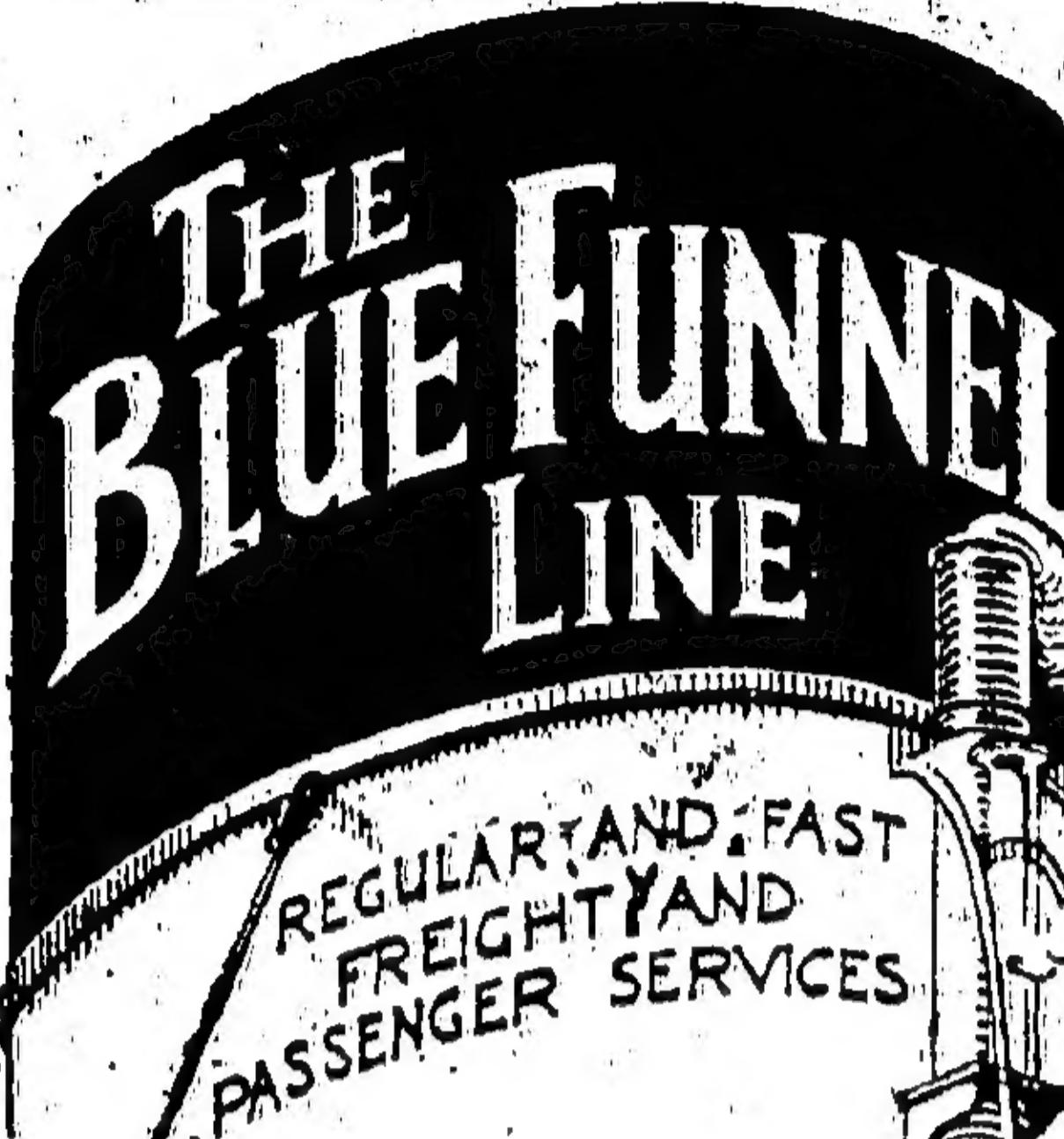
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